(iv) Conduct of special operations;

(v) Up-gradation of intelligence net-work;

(vi) Augmentation of strength for patroling/naka duties;

(vii) Erection of border fencing and construction of border roads;

(viii) Modernization of BSF and other police force;

(ix) Erection of flood lights on the border to day light the area during hours of darkness; and

(x) Establishment of new BOPs to reduce inter BOP gaps.

Traffic management in metro cities

224. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite a number of fly-overs constructed in metro cities, the traffic management has not improved so far; and

(b) the steps Government propose to take to improve traffic management in these metros?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Traffic management, being a State subject, is taken care of by the respective States and no data in that regard is maintained centrally. In so far as Delhi is concerned, traffic management has shown improvement after construction of fly-overs. For smooth flow of traffic, besides posting police personnel on roads, enforcement of traffic regulation through special drives, conduct of educational and traffic awareness programmes amongst road users, co-ordination with other concerned agencies etc. are undertaken by Delhi Police.

Refusal of Padma Awards

225. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the recipients of Padma Awards have refused to accept the awards;

(b) if so, the details of persons conferred Padma Awards and refused to accept the same; and

(c) what are the reasons for refusing the awards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The following 4 persons have declined the award on grounds of their principles or personal convictions:—

Sl.No.	Name of the Persons	Award announced
1.	Prof. (Smt.) Romila Thapar	Padma Bhushan
2.	Shri S.R. Sankaran	Padma Bhushan
3.	Shri Kuntgod Vibhuti Subbanna	Padma Shri
4.	Shri Kanaksen Deka	Padma Shri

Security of VIPs by CISF

†226. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to withdraw NSG and para-military forces from the security of VIPs and handover the same to Central Industrial Security Force;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the decision will come into force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No Sir. However, CISF has been identified as the designated force for providing security to the VIP's.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.